

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 15, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; BOB EDWARDS; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; LINDA HONEYCUTT, Acting Fiscal Services Manager; NORMA WHITE, Business License Coordinator; KAREN MARSHALL, Human Services Manager; ABDOUL GAFOUR, Water Utility Supervisor; PRISCILLA PIERCE, Principal Finance Analyst; DEBBIE SCOTT, Finance Analyst; JILL MASUNAGA, Finance Analyst; GLENN KOST, CIP Manager; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; CHIEF A. LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, *Renton Reporter*

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Budget: 2000 Preliminary

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the 2000 Preliminary Budget.

Linda Honeycutt, Acting Fiscal Services Manager, said the total proposed 2000 Budget for the City of Renton is \$141,480,000. This is an increase of 8.2% from the 1999 Budget. \$56 million is General Governmental Funds, which are proposed to be increased by 3.5% from this year. Ms. Honeycutt reviewed several highlights of the budget, saying the most significant decrease is in the City Hall capital fund, due to this project's nearing completion. The budget proposes adding seven new full-time positions, including a fire fighter and a fire inspector. It also includes a \$100,000 increase in the street overlay program to a total of \$480,000.

Continuing, Ms. Honeycutt said the budget recommends that the Code compliance program which was piloted in 1999 be permanently implemented. Additionally, it: contemplates costs associated with the Endangered Species Act; continues the Neighborhood Grant program; and allocates \$50,000 to the Renton High School Performing Arts Center.

Audience comment was invited.

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, urged Council to keep in mind the needs of Renton's low-income, disabled and elderly residents. Saying that her personal income is less than \$700 per month, she said she knows people whose income is even lower yet they must make do with it. She asked that

the reduced utility rates available to low-income and disabled homeowners be made available to these populations of renters as well.

Councilman Corman said it was his understanding that the reductions in Renton's utility rates are available to all low-income and disabled residents, whether they be homeowners or renters. He wondered if Ms. DeMastus was referring instead to the private electric and gas utilities. City Attorney Lawrence J. Warren confirmed that Renton's utility discount applies to all residents, including those renters who are responsible for directly paying their utility bills.

Cal Neidigh-Kumm, 165 - 14th Ave., Seattle, 98122, director of the Community of the Triangle Fund, urged the City not to reduce any of its human services funding next year. Explaining that he provides advocacy and assistance to the low-income, disabled and homeless, he was concerned about possible local budget cuts due to I-695.

Councilman Clawson replied that Renton is not proposing to cut its human services budget next year.

Mary Ellen Stone, representing the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, PO Box 300, Renton, 98057, spoke in support of Renton's human services budget and expressed appreciation for the City's contribution to the KCSARC. Saying that the agency serves many Renton clients, she expected that, with the passage of I-695, KCSARC will lose funding from the cities of Des Moines and Normandy Park, and perhaps from Mercer Island and Enumclaw as well. Further, the agency projects a 20% decrease in its state grant due to I-695.

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, thanked the City for continuing to fund its neighborhood programs, saying that strong neighborhoods make for a healthy and more livable city. She said the various projects funded by the Neighborhood Grant Program will instill identity and pride in many Renton neighborhoods.

Ardene Niemer, representing Renton Technical College, 3000 NE 4th St., Renton, 98056, thanked the City for its contribution to the college's Family Literacy Program, which aids mostly immigrant families in learning English. Saying that many of the adults served have young children, she explained that as they improve their English-language skills, the parents are better prepared to provide for their families on their own. Ms. Niemer added that Renton's grant to this program also helps it leverage federal and state grants.

There being no further audience comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

Responding to Council President Parker, Finance & Information Services Administrator Victoria Runkle confirmed that the City, as a matter of policy, directs that 1% of its General Fund be spent on human services needs. Ms. Runkle added that Renton also administers a Community Development Block Grant pass-through program, through which many Renton agencies receive federal funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Seattle and King County Public Health will be conducting a series of public

forums to update citizens on the status of Medic One and the Emergency Medical System (EMS) in King County (dates and times to be announced).

- * The Recreation Division was well-represented last weekend at the Washington State Special Olympics Bowling and Volleyball Tournament, with thirty athletes competing.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Beckley – Naming of the Downtown Piazza

Phillip Beckley, 655 Ferndale Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, suggested that the City name its new Downtown Plaza, or Piazza, for Henry Moses. Noting that Henry Moses was the last surviving member of Renton's native Duwamish Indian tribe, he felt this would acknowledge Renton's heritage and be a salute to Mr. Moses as well as to diversity.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler noted that the Dobson family of Renton previously asked that the piazza be named after John Dobson. She suggested that the proposed names be considered together.

CONSENT AGENDA

Development Services: Fred Meyer Request for Release of Easements, 485 Renton Center Way SW

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

City Clerk submitted request for release of easements from Scott L. Wippel, vice president of Roundup Co., representing Fred Meyer Stores, PO Box 42121, Portland, OR, for property located at 485 Renton Center Way SW. Refer to Board of Public Works and Utilities Committee.

Planning: Sensitive Areas Ordinance

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended adoption of the proposed Sensitive Areas Ordinance which: reorganizes and amends existing sensitive areas regulations pertaining to flood hazards, geologic hazards and wetlands; establishes new regulation of critical habitat areas; establishes reserved sections from aquifer protection and shorelines, streams and lakes; and includes associated housekeeping measures. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Budget: 1999, Year-end Adjustments

Finance & Information Services Department submitted proposed 1999 Year-end Budget adjustment ordinance, which establishes a new fund for City-leased properties. Refer to Finance Committee.

Budget: 2000, King County Metro Rate Increase Pass-Throughs

Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommended approval of an ordinance passing on the increase by King County of the Metro portion of Renton utility bills from \$19.10 to \$19.50 per single family residence, and from \$19.10 to \$19.50 for each 750 cubic feet (or any fraction thereof) for all users other than single family. Council concur. (See page 408 for ordinance.)

CAG: 99-066, Shattuck Ave S Stormline Replacement, DA Zuluaga Const

Surface Water Utility Division submitted CAG-99-066, Shattuck Ave. S. Stormline Replacement project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$751.10, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$2,381.82 to D.A. Zuluaga, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 99-076, SW 13rd St Drainage Improvement, Tydico Inc

Surface Water Utility Division submitted CAG-99-076, SW 23rd St. Drainage Improvement project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$1,036.00, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$5,459.69 to Tydico, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 98-083, Maplewood Fish Creek Channel, CA Goodman Const Co

Surface Water Utility Division submitted CAG-98-093, Maplewood Fish Creek Channel project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$1,683.30, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$47,101.98 to C.A. Goodman Construction

	Co., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Funds (1999-2001), King County	Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with King County to accept \$44,990 annually in Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) funds for the two-year period of July 1999 through June 2001. Refer to <u>Transportation Committee</u> .
	MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE Citizen Comment: Kent Mayor White – South King County Human Services Forum	A letter was read from City of Kent Mayor Jim White, proposing that Renton, Kent and other south King County jurisdictions establish a South King County Human Services Forum to discuss human services issues and to develop solutions and strategies to address human services needs in south King County. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE <u>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</u> . CARRIED.
OLD BUSINESS <u>Committee of the Whole</u> Budget: Automatic Increases in Future Utility Rates	Council President Parker presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding an ordinance that would provide automatic increases in utility rates to pay for operating and debt service requirements on the City's utilities. Having reviewed the ordinance at its meeting of November 15th, the Committee recommended that it be presented for first reading and referred to the meeting of November 22, 1999, for second and final reading. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS Budget: 2000 Utility Rates (Pass-Through of King County/Metro Increase)	The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 11/22/99 for second and final reading: An ordinance was read amending subsection 8-5-15.D of Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code relating to 2000 utility rates for all customer classes. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR <u>SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/22/99</u> . CARRIED.
Budget: Automatic Increases in Future Utility Rates	An ordinance was read amending Sections 8-1-9 of Chapter 1, Garbage, 8-2-3.E of Chapter 2, Storm and Surface Water Drainage, 8-4-31.B of Chapter 4, Water, and 8-5-15.A of Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code relating to automatic increases in utility rates. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR <u>SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/22/99</u> . CARRIED.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FIVE MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION. CARRIED. Time: 8:08 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:13 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.
ADJOURNMENT	MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:14 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
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